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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Science & Technology

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

Carl:

1. As you are aware, the Agency budget for FY 1971 contains [REDACTED] This amount assumes a release from the Reserve in FY 1970 for construction and was programmed against a construction schedule which theoretically would have already started.

2. The existence of an FY71 number for [REDACTED] gives rise to a hearing called by the Bureau of the Budget for 28 October. As I understand it, the internal coordination and party line on the release for [REDACTED] are not complete, and we could find ourselves with some disconnects in our BOB hearing.

3. It appears we need another full coordination session on the release story prior to 28 October and DD/S has asked that this be done. Since time is short, can you assure me that we are ready to take on the BOB and will you take the initiative to assure that all parties are aboard on the story. If we are not ready or if you have reservations on the priority of this proposal, the Agency should consider withdrawing its FY71 budget requirement, deferring the hearing on 28 October, and punting the whole question. If we are to proceed we must do some fast consideration on our position.

4. Please advise me how you want to handle the matter.

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Programming, and Budgeting

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